

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 3, 2008 has been received and carefully reviewed. It is submitted that, by this Amendment, all bases of rejection and objection are traversed and overcome. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19 remain in the application. Claims 9 and 16 has been amended. Basis for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, at least on page 4, lines 19-20; on page 7, lines 3-15; from page 12, line 32 to page 13, line 2; and page 14 lines 27-28. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-11 and 13-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gore (U.S. Patent No. 6,406,138). Claims 1-8 have been allowed.

Applicants' invention as recited in claim 9 relates to a method of inkjet printing including the steps of underprinting a charged polymer fixer fluid on a plain paper print medium in a print zone; and depositing dye-based ink over the fixer fluid on the plain paper print medium. The print zone is at a temperature between about 45°C and about 85°C during the underprinting and the depositing steps.

In contrast, Gore states in column 6, lines 11-13: "The substrate after printing can be heated or fused by any means known in the art to increase the benefits of the chitosan-polymer reaction." Thus Gore does not teach or suggest the print zone being at a temperature between about 45°- 85°C during the underprinting and the depositing steps. For the above reasons, applicants respectfully submit that the §102(b) rejection should be withdrawn.

For all the reasons stated above, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as defined in independent claims 9 and 16, and in those claims depending ultimately therefrom, is not anticipated, taught or rendered obvious by the cited reference, and patentably defines over the art of record.

In summary, claims 1-19 remain in the application. It is submitted that, through this Amendment, Applicants' invention as set forth in these claims is now in a condition suitable for allowance.

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Further and favorable consideration is requested. If the Examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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